GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:409
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2005
CAPTIVE COAL BLOCKS
Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to increase the number of captive coal mines ;

(b) if so, the total number of captive coal mines operating at present;

(c) the number of coal mines proposed to be given to this sector;

(d) the objective of increasing the number of captive coal mines in the country; and

(e) the time by which the said decision is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 409 ASKED BY DR. CHINTA MOHAN AND SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH `LALAN` REGARDING CAPTIVE COAL BLOCKS.

(a): Yes, Sir. Addition to the list of identified blocks for captive mining is an ongoing process.

(b) : At present 14 captive coal mines are operating.

(c) : As on date 148 coal blocks have been identified for captive mining. 86 have already been allocated/ decided for allocation. The remaining 62 are to be taken up for allocation.

(d) : The main objective of increasing the number of captive coal mines is to enhance production in order to bridge the projected demand and supply gap in coal.

(e) : Allocation of coal blocks for captive use is an ongoing process.